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Mac,

I got a call from Dr. Leedy regarding the Pedigrew mining site. Dr. Leedy indicated that Pedigrew mining had diverted the Glacier Creek road

and is now mining on the up hill side in the primary recharge area. Kevin and I inspected the site. Without looking at a map it's hard to tell for sure where the primary recharge area is however, the new mining

area does appear to be a concern. It also appears the mining is progressing up the hillside.

Discharge from a settling pond with high turbidity (picture #1 & 2) is flowing through a culvert, down an embankment, directly into Anvil Creek.

Picture # 3 is a sign that states one is entering the city's primary recharge area and to give notice to the city before any soil is escavtated. The sign is approximately 1/4 mile from the mining site and is at a similar elevation.

We then drove to where Anvil Creek crosses the Nome-Teller Rd. There is a definite visual sign of increased turbidity (picture #4) form mining. All other creeks in the area are running very clear. Above the mining site is also clear.

We are concerned about continued mining encroaching up the hillside potentially leading to the contamination of the city's water source. And of course the quality of water in Anvil Creek.

Does Pedigrew have a permit to mine above Glacier Creek Rd? And if so, how far up?

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